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**Comment.** Details of Nellis' activities during the coup are not known.

A reliable source stated that Nellis remained in hiding in the home of Prasit Lulithanon, one of the coup participants, until 8 March, when he secured passage by BOAC to Hong Kong en route to the United States.

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Nellis was a student at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. during 1947 and 1948. In November 1948, he went to Hong Kong in search of employment, where he became acquainted with Nai Sanguan Tularak through a mutual friend, Mr. Robert L. MacGowan, of the Chase National Bank, Hong Kong. Nellis was a United States Air Force bomber pilot in Italy and India during the war.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. It has been reported that the BLUEBIRD is owned by an American, A. Van Arsdale, and has been engaged in Chinese coastal trade during the past year. The crew of the BLUEBIRD included no other Americans.

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